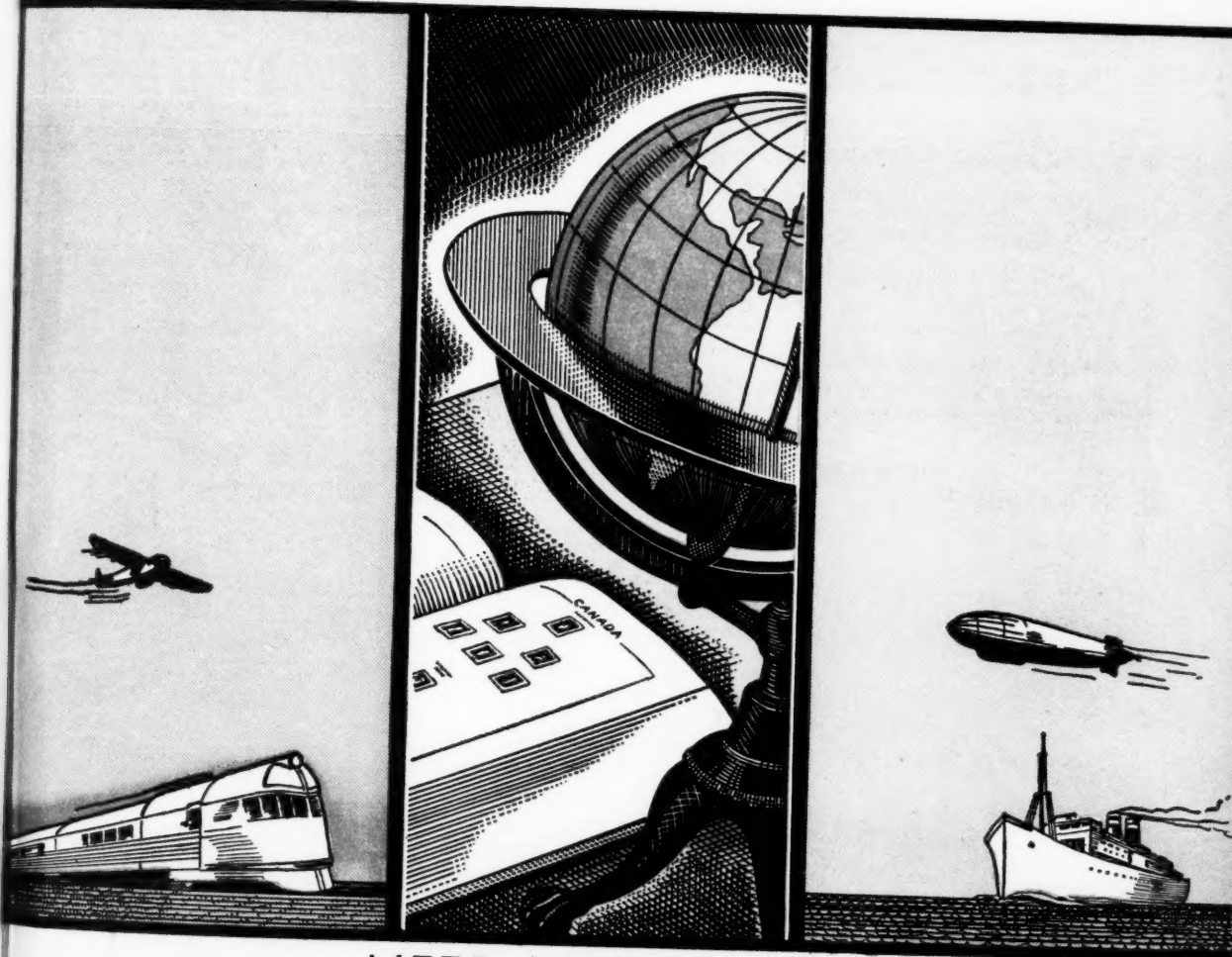


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Little America Mail

An address by Charles F. Anderson, cancellation expert of the Post Office Department, before the
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From our Washington Correspondent, W. C. Rice

MR. PRESIDENT, members of the Collectors Club of Washington, ladies and gentlemen; I am pleased to be with you this evening and to have the opportunity of telling you something of my experiences with the Byrd Expedition in Little America and of the handling of the philatelic mail which you collectors in all parts of the world entrusted to our care.

Although most of the mail handled at Little America came from the United States, there also was mail from China, Japan, Belgium, Africa, Great Britain, France, Germany, Turkey and many other countries. Some of this mail went down with the expedition, which left Norfolk, Virginia, in October, 1933, arriving at Little America in December of that year. The greatest part of the mail, however, was carried down by me during the past winter, arriving in Little America in January of this year. I am glad to be able to report to you that every bit of this mail, regardless of when dispatched, reached Little America and every piece of it was cancelled on the ice there. When returned to the United States, it was all back-cancelled in San Francisco to show the time of arrival in this country and then was dispatched to you.

By order of the Postmaster General, I left the United States aboard the Steamship Monterey, sailing from San Francisco early last November. I carried a large quantity of your mail, a cancelling machine and other equipment necessary to give you the best possible cancellation of your mail in an ice-bound country many hundreds of miles removed from civilization.



After a pleasant and uneventful trip, we arrived in Honolulu. We were greeted two miles off shore by native swimmers, who came alongside the ship, calling for coins. Nickles and dimes, thrown to them, were retrieved by them on the way to the bottom. The keenness of their sight as they dove, often very deep, after these small coins was amazing. Nearing the shore, we were welcomed by the music of the Royal Hawaiian Band and the singing of a native chorus, providing a romantic introduction to the famous land of flowers.

After a day spent there, the boat left in the evening, the passengers wearing about their necks the traditional Hawaiian leis. The band played Aloha Oe, "Farewell to Thee," as we pulled away from the wharf. As the water widened between steamer and shore a woman passenger, an utter stranger to me, snatched the lei from my neck, crying that if I did not throw it overboard and permit it to float to shore, I would never return;

as I hesitated, she threw it overboard herself.

Brief stops were made at several of the South Sea Islands, of which interesting stories could be told. Upon arrival at Auckland, New Zealand, I disembarked the mail and loaded it on a government railroad car for Dunedin, 1,800 miles to the south, the last point of civilization this side of the Antarctic.

The mail was loaded aboard the Bear of Oakland, flagship of the Byrd Expedition No. II. We shoved off into the broad Pacific, heading for the notorious "Roaring Sixties," which fully lived up to their reputation for rough, nasty weather. It was a thoroughly uncomfortable trip until we reached Scott Island. Here was a brief lull in the storm, of which we took advantage to row in a small boat close to the shore and look over this lonely spot in the far South Pacific. The surf was too rough for a landing.

The first sight of Antarctica was lofty Mount Sabine, 10,000 feet high, guarding the entrance to the Ross Sea. The storm stayed with us until within a few miles of Coulman Island, where deep-packed floe ice prevented us steaming inside the island as we had expected to do. This was our first real sight of the ice which was to be with us from now on. Leaving Coulman Island and its guardian ice, we ran into rough seas again until Franklin Island was sighted at four o'clock in the morning. We now were in the realm of constant daylight, with the sun circling the horizon and never setting.

Heading for McMurdo Sound, we again ran into the packed floe ice

and we were forced to give up any idea of entering the sound. We turned for the ice barrier which stretched 490 miles across the Ross Sea to Little America. As we steamed toward the barrier we saw towering Mount Erebus, 13,200 feet high, spouting fire and smoke. Although this is an active volcano and apparently was very hot, we could not see, through our glasses, any evidence that it had melted the ice and snow around it.

The barrier, which we surveyed for its full length to the Bay of Whales, was a sight never to be forgotten. The sea at its foot was glassy calm and the beauty of sea, ice and sky was almost enough to compensate for all the hardships of the stormy trip from Dunedin. An active imagination could trace all manner of forms in the snow which had packed into the unbroken wall of the barrier ice. One cluster of snow spots formed the semblance of a herd of woolly sheep, with the shepherd and dogs guarding them. In another point a frozen snow dog stood with foot raised over an icy partridge. There were miles of the most delicate draperies of snow and ice hung along the face of this amazing ice wall. At one time a huge section of the barrier ice broke off before our gaze and as it dropped into the sea to become an iceberg, the water was forced up through the break in a mist as fine as a cloud of steam.

On arrival at Discovery Inlet, we stopped to take aboard three members of the ice party, who had spent the best part of 14 months on the ice. We took them off the floes, together with their dogs and sledges, loaded with seal meat. I never will forget the skill with which Capt. Johansen, ice pilot on the Bear of Oakland, maneuvered the floe ice to close the sea gaps and make an unbroken ice bridge over which the dog party could reach the ship. This also was

the first place where I saw seals in the Antarctic. They lay peacefully on the floe ice, monarchs of a world of ice into which man had intruded only for the briefest moment in the long march of time. Here too, I saw my first penguins, clad in their comical full dress uniforms, complete with boiled shirt front and black coat. The sun glistened from their coats as though they had been varnished and polished in honor of the visit of the postal representative who had been sent so far to handle your mail.

We turned into the Bay of Whales and landed against the barrier to unload the mail and equipment, which was loaded into dog sleighs for the trip across the rolling barrier ice 10 miles into Little America. Here I was met by a penguin reception committee (Penguin story). There was a scene of scurrying and bustle as the 56 men of the ice party brought out the wonderful collection of scientific data to gather which they had spent 14 months of danger, cold and loneliness on the farthest outpost of the world. Great piles of records, specimens and instruments already had been gathered on the barrier when we landed and hundred of tons yet remained to be moved from the sunken ice city which is Little America for transfer to the ships.

Because of ice conditions, no one knew how long I could stay in Little America before I too would have to join the rest of the expedition in its rush to pack up and leave. This uncertainty caused me the greatest anxiety to get my work started so that I could fulfill my trust to you collectors and to the Department to actually cancel the mail on the ice in Little America. It was the firmest desire of the Post Office Department that it should live up to its obligation to you collectors in taking care of this mail in Little America, as it had been promised should be done. I felt that the reputation of the postal service for never failing in the face of difficulties must be upheld no matter what the cost.

The mail was unoladed from the sledges and carried down an ice tunnel into the science hall of the camp, a crowded, little room about 12 by 16 feet in size, 20 feet beneath the surface of the barrier ice. Here, with the greatest difficulty, the canceling machine was carried, unpacked, and assembled.

As I saw the primitive conditions in which I had to work after the expedition had been settled there for a year, I marveled at the hardships which must have faced the men of this party when they first arrived, with all the preparations for settling down yet to be made. It was a remarkable thing any mail came through on the first dispatch. The work of setting up living quarters, unloading and transferring tons of supplies and mail miles and miles across the rough barrier ice, created a problem which taxed to the utmost the energy and ability of every man in the party. It was a fight for life and safety. You who may have

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The science hall, nothing more than a burrow in the everlasting ice, was congested in the extreme. Six other men had to carry on their work there while I was trying to get out your mail. The ceiling leaked in 15 places when I sought to get enough heat to keep the ink warm enough to flow. To carry off the water, which threatened to damage the mail, I had to stop work long enough to construct a main trunk line storm sewer of oiled paper.

With these necessary preliminaries out of the way, I turned to work on the mail, starting on a Sunday morning. I worked on and on and finally remarked to the executive officer that I must be growing old, my legs felt queer.

"That's no wonder," he said. "This is Tuesday afternoon. You have been working constantly since Sunday morning. It's about time you got some rest."

There was little rest, however, with time pressing and mountains of mail to be handled. During my whole stay on the ice I did not average more than one hour's sleep out of the twenty-four. I was determined to finish the cancellation before I ever came out of the ice hole, if it was humanly possible.

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I felt that I had been justified in going without sleep to get the work finished when I was notified, less than four hours after the last piece of mail had been tied up and packed in its pouch, that the time had come when the mail must start toward the barrier. The Bear of Oakland, I was

told, would be waiting for me by the time I could get to the edge of the ice.

To get the mail to the boat with the least possible delay, we decided to abandon the dog teams, honored by years of Arctic exploration, and to make up the first power-driven mail train in the history of polar exploration. A train of dog sleds was made, piled high with sacks of mail, an ice tractor hitched to the front end, and off we went across the ice at the magnificent speed of 15 miles per hour, headed for home, warmth, food, comfort, the end of a difficult, dangerous assignment.

But bitter disappointment awaited me at the barrier. As we neared the open sea we could see the Bear of Oakland but she was not tied up to the barrier; she was fighting drifting floe ice, broken off from the crumbling ice barrier. During the few days I was in Little America nearly five miles of ice had broken off the edge of the barrier and through this broken ice the gallant Bear was attempting to push its way to the solid ice on which I stood.

The tractor train was unloaded and the mail piled up on the ice. The tractor party started back to camp for another load and there I was left alone on the barrier with my little mountain of mail and equipment. Time and again the Bear would attempt to get through to me but each time would be forced back by the loose ice. Several times she got within a few yards and my hopes would rise high, only to be plunged to the lowest depths as she would turn tail and head for the open water.

Occasionally the smoke from the funnel of the Sister Ship Jacob Rupert, off over a hill of ice, would seem to be coming closer and I would say to myself, "Here she comes," but a moment later she would be fading away in the distance again. Hours went by and I still waited anxiously on the barrier. At the end of a full 24 hours I still was there, without food or water. That was one of the hardest trials of the whole trip. You can have no idea how insignificant and utterly helpless a man can feel until you have gone through an experience like that. There I sat on the edge of the ice barrier, nothing under me but the depth of the Ross Sea and the ice upon which I depended for life was crumbling and breaking away. Finally, after 26 hours of waiting, the Bear pushed her blunt wooden nose through to the barrier. With the

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"This regulation equally applies to current colonial postage stamps as well as new issues of colonial stamps which may be made in the future.

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"As we are constantly receiving inquiries from collectors for British Colonial stamps it would be useful and helpful if the above information could be made known to the philatelic public in the United States of America and elsewhere.

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We also understand that the plates of the Pro-Universidad series have been destroyed and that in printing of this issue the greatest care was exercised to prevent and imperforate or other freak varieties from reaching the hands of the public. This country's new Postmaster-General also proposes to abolish all separate Official issues and to use instead, franking machines for all Governmental correspondence.

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Souvenir Sheets

The issue of Souvenir sheets in imitation of the souvenir sheets of Mr. Farley has got to be a fad with stamp clubs. Some of these little sheets are quite interesting and a collection of them is being made by many different collectors.

This week we are favored with two new ones that will appeal to the collector. One is by the Hawthorne Stamp Club, issued for their exhibit of April 22-26.

The Hawthorne Stamp Club is composed of collectors employed by the Western Electric Company, Hawthorne Station, Chicago, Ill. The sheet at hand is composed of four triangle stamp designs, tinted in two colors and with suitable inscription on the margins, a la Farley.

The other sheet we mentioned a week or two ago and since then have had inquiries from some of our readers as to where to procure them. This is the sheet by the Baltimore Philatelic Society which was a reproduction of a block of four of the Baltimore Carrier Stamp. This sheet is printed in black, also in red.

In this issue there is an advertisement by the Society offering these sheets at 5c each to those who are interested in obtaining same.

Kenmore Stamp Company Correction in Advt.

Through a misunderstanding, the advertisement of the Kenmore Stamp Company in the issue of April 13th, was printed when it should not have been printed. Those who read this advertisement will realize if they stop and think that at the time the copy was printed the stamps mentioned had not been issued as all these Jubilee issues are scheduled for May. The copy for this advertisement was sent us in advance, since the manager of the Company had planned to go to England to attend the Jubilee and to buy stamps for stock. It was planned that this advertisement was to be run early in June unless countermanded before that date, as the Kenmore Stamp Company have advance orders for more than 200,000 sets of the various Jubilee issues and it is apparent that when it comes time to break these up and fill orders that it will require some time to do this and the advertisement was planned to advise collectors that any apparent delay in filling their orders was unavoidable and that as fast as the orders could be handled they would be sent out.

We are glad to publish this explanation for we do not wish to have those who have ordered feel that the Company is being slow in filling orders.

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The special series of six postage stamps will consist of the following:

- 1c-green, Portrait of Princess Elizabeth
- 2c-brown, Portrait of the Duke of York
- 3c-red, Portraits of the King and Queen
- 5c-blue, Portrait of the Prince of Wales
- 10c-green, View of Windsor Castle
- 12c-blue, View of the royal yacht "Britannia"

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3c	.10	.15	12c	.20
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*The 1c value will have a strip of three and the 2c value a pair instead of the usual single stamp because of the postage rates.

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(Special to Linn's Weekly Stamp News)

With less than a full week before first day sale at Hartford, printing of the Connecticut stamp finally got under way at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing around noon on April 19. Mr. Clinton B. Eilenberger, Third Assistant Postmaster General, threw the switch which started the presses printing the first stamps of this issue. Guests of honor at the ceremonies were Senator Augustine Lonergan, Representatives William M. Citron, Herman P. Koppleman and James A. Shanley, all of Connecticut, also Postmaster Earl Martin of Bridgeport. Various representatives of the Post Office Department were among those present, including the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, Smith W. Purdum; J. Austin Latimer, Special Assistant to the Postmaster General; William J. Bray, Secretary to the Postmaster General; Frank J. Buckley, Deputy Fourth Assistant Postmaster General; Robert E. Fellers, Superintendent, Division of Stamps; and Alvin W. Hall, Director of Bureau of Engraving and Printing, host to the group.

The new stamp is being printed on the rotary presses, first two plates run were numbered 21394 and 21395. Other plates probably are in the process of making but the Director has become quite "Collector conscious"

and hesitates to make public plate numbers before the stamps have been printed in quantity sufficient to insure their release. However all such numbers finally appear on the monthly list of plates made at the Bureau. When followed, this list keeps one informed as to what numbers were made, what plates sent to press, as well as what older plates were returned to the presses for additional printings.

In a recent interview, the Director implied that possibility of a storm of criticism from collectors had really hampered progress of the "electric eye" experimental work, also that other improvements they had in mind had been hindered rather than helped by this same condition.

Balance of the Connecticut plate numbers will be published as soon as available, but the stamps probably will be on sale from all available plates before numbers are released. Initial printing order for the Connecticut issue called for 75 million stamps.

The following is a list of postage stamp plate numbers issued during the month of March, 1935.

Plate No.	Denom.	Class	Series	Subject
21375-76	2c	Ord. Curved	1932	400
21377-78	3c	" "	1922	400
21379-80	1c	" "	1922	400
21381-82	1½c	" "	1930	400
21383-84	2c	" "	1922	400
21385-86	3c	" "	1932	400
21387-88	1c	" "	1922	400
21389-90	1½c	" "	1930	400

The following is a list of postage stamp plate numbers sent to press during the month of March 1935.

Plate No.	Denom.	Class	Series	Subject
21367-68	2c	Ord. Stamp	1922	400

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#156 12c gray, Cat. 15c	.07
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#158 50c dark blue, Cat. 30c	.15
#159 1c olive green, Cat. 30c	.15
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U. S. REVIEW

THOMAS F. WHITBREAD
Cummington, Mass.

Inquiries regarding U. S. Issues will be answered in this column. If a personal reply is desired enclose a stamped and addressed envelope.

Mr. W. W. Gruber reports having a \$10 Documentary stamp of the 1915 issue which measures 19x27½ where-as most copies measure 18¾x28mm. This is the result of paper shrinkage. When engraved stamps are printed the paper is first wet, then dried after printing. Uneven drying results in unequal shrinkage. Also, paper shrinks with the grain and if all the stamps of a certain issue are not printed with the grain of the paper running in the same direction, some of the stamps will be higher and some wider.

In connection with the above, but caused by a different reason, George T. Thompson wants an explanation as to why stamps differ so greatly in their overall size, that is, from perforation to perforation. If all the wheels on the perforating machines were equally spaced this would not happen. However, variations in the spacing of the wheels seem to occur and it is this which causes some stamps to appear abnormally large. Mr. Thompson also reports having successfully put through the mail a cover bearing one half of a six cent Bicentennial stamp. Such covers are not rare but the wonder of it is that so many do get through. The postal clerks are pretty close lookers and of course such covers, when seen, are marked postage due.

Mr. Clarence H. Lynch also has some bisects which bear explanation. Two of them are coil stamps on cover where one stamp and half another were used. In the case of the coils we believe that they are not really bisects as one is the 1c and the other the 1½c. There is no real excuse for using more than one of these on a circular and the chances are that one stamp in each case was the legal rate. As an explanation we offer the suggestion that a stamp affixing machine was used on these coils and that it became out of adjustment in such a manner that it applied more than one stamp, i.e., one and a half stamp to the covers in question. Mr. Clark also has two covers each bearing the notation "one and a half cents due." This deficiency was rectified by using one cent due and half of another and

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Mr. J. W. Parker offers for our consideration two pictures of the Civil War period, one bears on the back half of a two cent proprietary while the other has 1½ 2c blue playing card stamps used in payment of the revenue tax. These bisects too, are of value mainly as curiosities. It seems that intrinsic value of bisects is reserved for old covers postally used in a period before stamp collectors were aware that monkey business could be performed in this direction.

Mr. Emil Paasche has a postally used pair of Von Steuben which appear to be from a vertical coil. This was probably made possible by the variations in margins because of in-different spacing of the perforation wheels as explained above. These are known imperforate but not partially so.

Mr. John H. Smith has a 5c 1847 stamp on cover but uncanceled. Not having gone through the mail, this would be classed as unused. This might well be carefully steamed off the cover with the idea of saving as much of the gum as possible.

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« Editorials »

UNITED STATES Already several
COMMEMORATIVE of our readers
STAMP FACTS have written
letters commenting on the series of articles on United States Commemorative Stamps that started in our issue of the 13th April. It will be of interest to our readers to know that Captain A. C. Townsend of Chicago is the author of these articles and that their preparation was begun only after much correspondence as to just what to include in the articles.

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It has been the aim to tell only the actual facts about each issued stamp and no attempt is made to discuss proposed designs, unissued essays or trial color printings. Only the actual facts as regards the issued stamp as that is the stamp that the collector will have to put into his album.

We are pleased that several readers have already commented favorably on the series and we hope to complete it in as short a time as possible. We are, however, limited in the amount of space that can be given to the feature each week.

Among the letters received from readers are some which suggest that this information be published in booklet form in order that one may have it for handy ready reference.

To all such inquiries we are glad to be able to state that the material will be issued in book form. Whether this will be done before the completion of the series or immediately after, we are not prepared to announce at this time, but all arrangements have been made for producing the material in a neat booklet which will be illustrated with forty or fifty illustrations which tie up with the various stamps.

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These pages for blocks of four will have spaces for all Commemorative Blocks from the Columbian issue up to and including the late Farley Imperfs as well as the Connecticut stamp which is to be issued on April 26th, so that this will be a complete album to date of issue.

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Springfield, Mass.

The Springfield Stamp Club and the Springfield Philatelic Society will join together as host, on May 4, to the Southern New England Federation of Stamp Clubs at its fourteenth annual convention.

The meeting will be held at the Hotel Highland. There will be a bourse, an auction, and special entertainment, also a banquet.

Mr. George W. Angers is chairman of the joint committee of arrangements of the local clubs and it is expected that more than 150 collectors will be in attendance.

Prescott, Arizona

The Arizona Federation of Stamp Clubs will hold its Second Annual Statewide Exhibition at Prescott on

April 27th and 28th under the sponsorship of the Mile High Stamp Club of that city.

This will be one of the largest exhibitions ever held in the southwest and all collectors are invited. There will be a banquet on the evening of the 28th.

Lost In Dust Storm

Thomas Hamilton of Springfield, Illinois, sends a newspaper clipping from the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, picturing a U. S. Postal Card which was mailed in Lincoln, Nebraska in 1884. It has just been delivered in Lawrence, Kansas, after 51 years, a distance of 140 miles.

It is unknown whether this card was lost in a dust storm or whether the New Deal as administered by Mr. Farley is responsible for digging up this relic and delivering it to the addressee.

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(Dr. W. I. Mitchell)

The missing periods still come in. Mr. E. R. Roy of Livermore Falls, Maine, submits the Boston 1c ord. with this item missing. Has some one the position of this missing period on the plate? Let's have the information, if it is of general interest.

Mr. H. M. Southgate calls me to task for stating we should have some new machine set plates in the near future. He says the mere fact that the present plates are so badly worn they will have to be replaced does not mean that the pattern will be changed. Thanks Mr. Southgate for this information, it is appreciated.

As further evidence of the popularity of precancels the Hawthorne Stamp Club of the Western Electric Co., at Chicago, had as its guest speaker on April 4th, Mr. Adolf Gunesch. We do not have a copy of Mr. Gunesch's talk, but will presume it was on some phase of precancels. The Hawthorne Club is always progressive.

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The 1c—Livingston—is taken from an old picture of unknown origin and shows Robert L. Livingston, our Minister to France at the time and the man who originated the idea of purchase. To the right is a view of an immigrant's wagon crossing the mountains in the northern part of the territory purchased, and at the left a view of the southern lowlands. The stamp is recorded in green and dark green and there is but one known minor variety, a broken left figure "1" on plate 2138. 79,779,200 were issued, from plates 2113 to 20, 2129 to 32, 2137 to 40, 2149 to 2152 and 2161 to 2164.

The 2c—Jefferson—is from the Gilbert Stuart portrait of Thomas Jefferson, who was President at the time of the purchase. The years of his birth and death are shown at the sides. The stamp is recorded in carmine and bright carmine, and is known with the stitch wmk., and also imperf., horizontally, both being very scarce. 192,732,400 were issued from plates 2069 to 72, 2081 to 84, 2093 to 96, 2125 to 28, 2145 to 48, 2153 to 60, 2165 to 68, 2177 to 80 and 2182 to 2185.

The 3c—Monroe—is from a painting by J. Vanderlyn, which is now in the City Hall, New York. Mr. Monroe, afterwards President, was sent as Special Ambassador to France to cooperate with Livingston in arranging the purchase. It is recorded in violet only, with scarce stitch wmk., and double transfer minor varieties. 4,542,600 were issued, from plates 2101, 2102, 2103 and 2104.

The 5c—McKinley—is from a photo and shows President McKinley because he signed the bill authorizing the government to participate in the exposition. It is recorded only in light blue, with no minor varieties known. 6,926,700 were issued from plates 2097, 2098, 2099 and 2100.

The 10c—Map—is from a map furnished by the General Land Office and the shaded portion shows the extent of the tract of land purchased. It is recorded in red brown and dark red brown, with no minor varieties. 4,011,200 were issued, all from plates 2105, 2106, 2107 and 2108.

(It is recorded by one authority that the sale of these stamps was so poor, being unpopular with the public on account of their large size, that the P. O. D. finally instructed postmasters to force their sale. Another authority states that at the close of the exposition all remaining stamps were returned to Washington to be officially destroyed.)

The Jamestown Series

This is a set of three stamps issued for the Jamestown Exposition, held to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, Virginia, by Captain Newport in 1607. The stamps are perf. 12 and wmk. double lined USPS.

The 1c—Capt. John Smith—bears a portrait of the Captain taken from an engraving by Crispin von de Passe, the Younger. It was issued on April 25, 1907, appears in green and dark green, and the only minor variety known is a low priced double transfer. 77,728,794 were issued from plates 3538, 3540 to 46 and 3799. Pocahontas and Powhatan are pictured in the upper corners.

The 2c—Founding of Jamestown—is taken from an old engraving by an unknown artist which was furnished by the Exposition Company. At one side of the picture of the landing of the settlers at Jamestown is shown a tobacco plant, and on the other a stalk of Indian corn. It was also issued on April 25th. There were 149,497,994 issued from plates 3504 and 5, 3512 and 13, 3517, 3520, 3522, 3524, 3577 to 80, 3592 to 95, 3601 to 3604, 3610, 3613, 3618 and 19, 3655 to 58, 3671, 3672, 3677 and 3678. It is recorded in carmine and bright carmine, a scarce double transfer being the only minor variety.

The 5c—Pocahontas—was issued on May 3, 1907, the portrait of the princess being engraved by Simon von de Passe from an old lifetime painting owned in England. The stamp appears in blue and deep blue, a low priced double transfer being the only known minor variety. 7,980,594 were issued from plates 3554, 3556, 3560 and 3561.

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Maneuvers On

The annual fleet problem, centering this year in the Pacific triangle embracing Hawaii, Midway Island and Alaska, is on. The ships have deserted their berths at various ports and are concentrated in both San Francisco and San Diego, ready for whatever orders they may receive. The submarines are already in Hawaii and the great war game, biggest peace time demonstration in history, is officially underway. Lots of ships have cachets for the event and there will be thousands of nice covers back soon to eager senders.

Shakedown Obscure

The shakedown cruise of the U.S.S. Monaghan is still some time in the future. The commissioning date having been delayed by about two months, the shakedown also is postponed. However, the South American cruise is assured, and all covers which I have held for this event are on their way to Mr. Ranney, who will mail them out, and they will come back in due time. Inasmuch as the last of them may not come back until late in the summer, please do not become alarmed about them and write to find out what it is wrong.

Briddell Resigns

York Briddell, founder, the three-times president of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society, has sent his resignation as bulletin manager to the society's board of governors. He gives as his reason the wide gulf of opinion existing between himself and the new USCS president regarding publication of the bulletin. It is too bad that this had to come to pass, but his resignation was not unexpected by those who have noted maneuvers being made to either get the bulletin out of his hands or so change it that the title "bulletin

manager," would mean nothing. The USCS bulletin, it is safe to say, will now be of little value and the society's own news will be diverted to a publication which gives its contents to any and all who read.

Memorial Day

Memorial day cancels this year will be somewhat of a problem so far as the Pacific fleet is concerned. The ships will all be engaged in their maneuvers until the first and second week in June, which means they will not be in port to receive mail and same must either go by mail boat or be forwarded to other shore addresses. Under the circumstances it will be advisable to get your covers away early, to insure their receipt by the ships you want to cover.

Swan Song

Inasmuch as the American Naval Cancellation Society has come strongly into being with members in almost every state, and is growing at a rate which indicates that within a few months it will be the largest society of the kind in existence, my affiliations with it preclude the possibility of my continuing any public naval columns after this date. Therefore, I am leaving this column in Linn's and henceforth my efforts will be confined to the American. I regret severing the pleasant associations that have endured for something more than a year, but am sure Mr. Linn will find a successor who will not only carry on, but exceed the feeble efforts I have made in this department. Therefore, in this last message to Linn readers, permit me to express my appreciation of your friendship and co-operation, and to tell you it has been a real pleasure to serve you. So long, gang.

Notes on Engraving

By Stephen H. Horgan

British postage stamps are being printed by rotogravure. How long will it be before Uncle Sam wakes up to the fact that this is a more economical way to print picture postage stamps, now in greater demand than they can be supplied? Many years ago, when the Inland Printer was making printers everywhere acquainted with Karl Klietsch's masterly invention of rotogravure, it suggested its use for bank-note and postage-stamp printing.

The British government was the first to take it up for the printing of millions of Treasury notes in the briefest possible time, a native of Baltimore being its adviser. Prized by stamp collectors for many years have been the gravure-printed stamps of Bavaria, 1914; Egypt, 1923, as well as those of Belgium and Switzerland. The first British gravure-printed stamps have been on sale since last August, and other denominations have been issued since.

There is a solid background behind His Majesty's head; the gravure stamps being richer in color than previous ones. Intaglio presses that produce these stamps are capable of speeds of 8,000 an hour.

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ARGENTINE REPUBLIC—Mr. H. G. Spanton advises that numerous errors occur in the 10c. value of the Eucharistic Congress issue, but inasmuch as neither Scott's nor Gibbons' see fit to recognize them he does not believe they are worthy of note here.

BOLIVIA—Quantities of various Air Mail stamps are now noted in the latest issue of Philatelic Magazine and we reprint them here:

	Printed	Destroyed	Sold
#308—15c.	100,000	6,016	93,984
#309—20c.	100,000	89,617	60,383
#310—35c.	300,000	221,404	78,596
#327—5c.	50,000	4,058	45,942
#328—15c.	50,000	3,587	46,413
#329—20c.	50,000	4,729	45,271
#330—35c.	200,000	140,835	59,165
#331—50c.	50,000	34,828	15,172
#332—1B.	50,000	40,858	9,142
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In addition to the Air Mail and postage stamps heralded in our notes of Jan. 12th, there is to appear an official set of the following values: 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 15, 20 and 50 centavos. The Air Mail set was chronicled April 13th.

(Philatelic Magazine)

INDIA—Cochin. Scott's latest Monthly Journal chronicles an Official stamp, which seems to be identical with that listed in the addenda of the 1935 catalog, except that the color is just GREEN and not DARK GREEN as the earlier listing, so we note:

A7—1½ gr. green (On C. G. S.)

INDIA—Patiala. Official stamp. Overprinted same as Scott's #206:

A49—2a. vermilion

(Patiala State Service)
(R. Roberts)

LITHUANIA—In our notes of Mar. 2nd, we stated that the 5c. was Scott's type A47, but we find from the last Scott's Monthly Journal that this should be type A44. Also the other two values mentioned at the same time are given type A48.

NEW GUINEA—New 2 & 5 Pound Values. It has now become necessary to issue stamps in the aforementioned values solely to provide for the transmission of gold from the goldfields. All gold is despatched by registered mail and gold bricks contain 750 ounces, the postage on which is about 20 Pounds. The design of both stamps is as yet unannounced, their appearance is expected before May 1st.

(Philatelic Magazine)

SAAR—This is probably the last chronicle under this heading and deals with only the fact that all remainders of the stamps of Saar will be incinerated and the first truck load has already been sent to the blast-furnace of Brevach, near Saarbrücken. Last day covers were a feature of the termination of French Occupation on February 28th. The 170 post offices of the Saar began selling the stamps of Germany on Mar. 1st. A commemorative postcard with pictures of 19 Saar stamps in colors, surrounding an inscription "1935 Die Saar ist frei! Andenken an die Saarabstimmung" — a fitting souvenir to grace the final page of a collection of the stamps of Saar.

(Philatelic Magazine)

SPAIN—Barcelona Municipal Stamp. Series 4a.

SP10—5c. green & brown

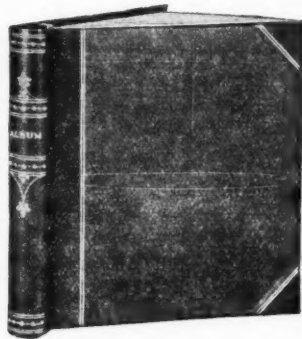
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Alas and Alack

Not once, but twice, have I erred in this erstwhile column. First in listing Zarephati, N. J. That was wrong as it should have been Zarephath and has been in the catalog for some time. I took my account right from the stamps and as it was in U-121, which by the way is a new type for the place anyway, was not very plain and therefore the error. The other misdemeanor was about the Stevens Point new electro in U-12. It ain't so. My first acquaintance with Stevens Point was last winter with a number of 3c Bi-Cents in U-83 type and since then I came upon the U-121 type and when I saw the electro from there surmised it was new. The stamp I mentioned, the 4c Taft though is not listed in the new catalog in this type. None other than A. F. Gamber, better known as Prof. Gamber, apprised me of my errors. He in order to kinda soothe me a little showed me a ½c Ottumwa, Iowa U-10 in Blue INK. A scarce item.

Waterville, Maine

It is with much misgiving that I venture this next new electro upon this column. An electro similar to the description given for type two in the catalog but between thick lines 14mm apart. I have this type on the 10c and 12c comp. perf.

From Auburn, N. Y.

Ed. J. Kuhn presents me the 4c across, 7c across and 8c up Parks from Auburn in U-12. This makes the complete set from there. Mr. Kuhn wants to know "Why it is U. S. collectors do not like to have precancels in their used collection?" Mr. Kuhn says that oft times better copies in the precancel form are available than otherwise and he thinks that it would be an asset to a collector rather than a detriment to use them. All I can say is that the U. S. collector is often just a specialist in that line and looks and condition are paramount with him. It is his idea that a precancel especially one that is printed makes the stamp stand out too much on the page, ruins the coherence of his layout. Try this yourself. Take either a used current set of U. S. or a set of used Bi-Cents arrange them as you would on an album page, then in about two or three places take out the regular used and replace with a precancel, stand back and view it and see what you think. A set all used is fine, a set all precancels is better to my notion, but to mix them, well some of you U. S. collectors write me why you don't include precancels in your used collections, or do you?

The Yankee and the Mule

The Yankee came in with a 1c Manchester, N. H. buro, an item not in the new buro catalog. A sub. blank stating that the subscription rate will be 25c for the next twelve issues. Those interested write Robt. Briggs, Box 61, Athol, Mass. The precancels used on the covers will no doubt be worth the price or even more. The Mule came in with a 1½c F. V. from Grandview, Mo. in U-121.

Cincinnati On The Air

Under the auspices of the Postmaster, Cincinnati, Ohio, and in co-operation with the Philatelic Society of Cincinnati, weekly radio talks on stamp collecting are being broadcast over Station WFBE, 1200 kilocycles, located in the Hotel Sinton, in Cincinnati. Broadcasting time is every Sunday between 1:00 and 1:15 p. m. These broadcasts were begun by Mr. William T. Stewart who is President of the Society and spoke on March 24th; followed by Captain H. Pforzheimer, U. S. Army, retired, March 31st; and Mr. Earl Whiting on April 7th. Dr. Frank R. Coppock, President of the Society of Philatelic Americans, spoke on April 14th. The present schedule and rotation of speakers will continue for an indefinite period. Interested philatelists desiring to participate in these broadcasts, are requested to communicate with the Postmaster, Cincinnati, Ohio.

New Ohio Club

The "Lima Y-Philatelists" announce their organization last week as an adult stamp society with headquarters at the Lima Y. M. C. A. Twenty charter members attended the first meeting, and elected as officers Frank Buchanan, president; William McMinn, vice-president; R. E. Overmire, secretary; and Mrs. Neil Parmenter, treasurer. The club is open to men and women of the Lima district, and meets at the Y. M. C. A. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 p. m.

Abyssinia - Reprints

The Union of Swiss Philatelic Societies, with Headquarters at Berne, has issued a communication in which it is pointed out that reprints of the pictorial issues of 1919, Scott's #120—#134, are being offered for sale. It is stated that about 100,000 complete sets have been reprinted. The stamps are being offered, imperforate and with inverted centers. As the reprints are made from the original plates and the colors are fairly well imitated, the deception can only be detected by special examination.

To date we did not know of any large quantity being offered but any dealer who has any doubt as to the stamps of this series, offered to him should communicate with the President of the Union, Monsieur H. Roth, Mittelstrasse 32, Berne, Switzerland, as the Union are willing to examine these stamps free of charge, if accompanied by the invoice of the dealer who sold or offered the stamps.

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The Rumark Company, formerly located on 55th Street, New York, has taken an office in Room 918, at 116 Nassau Street, New York.

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Valentine Feind has charge of the stamp department of L. Bamberger & Company of Newark, New Jersey, the large department store. The department has been moved from the eighth to the street floor.

In the Dominican Republic if one wishes to write to the President or Secretary of State, one has to place on the letter a newly issued stamp of 25 centavos value. This is an orange colored stamp and shows a view of the Palace at Santo Domingo. This certainly is something new on us. Imagine if this law went into effect in the U. S. Farley might take this into consideration in order to raise the revenue in the Post Office. It might help to keep up the average in the Philatelic Bureau for next year now that the "Farley" imperfs. are about out of the way.

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